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LOBBYING LAW; IMPROPER USE OF OFFICE

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Facts

- a. You are a member of the legislature.
- b. You are considering working for a business that a local government will employ to assist it with the modernization of certain of its records.

Advice

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